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APPLICANT: James A. Tarara DATE: January 20, 2003  
SERIAL NO.: 09/784,426 ATTY.DOCKET: D.1482  
FILED: February 16, 2001  
FOR: GASKET FOR ACID WASTE COUPLINGS

**PETITION UNDER 37 CFR 1.137 FOR APPLICATION TO BE REVIVED**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

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Sir:

Applicant petitions that the abandonment set forth in the Notice of Abandonment Under 37 CFR 1.53 (f) or (g) for the above-identified patent application mailed by the Office on January 3, 2003, copy attached, be withdrawn.

The Notice of Abandonment states that "the above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 03/19/2001". A missing Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 03/19/2001 was not received by our office.

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The above-identified patent application was filed on February 16, 2001 along with a Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney signed by the inventor; an Information Disclosure Statement; and New Application Transmittal form.

On November 18, 2002 a Status Inquiry was filed in the United States Patent Office for the above-identified application, a copy of the receipt dated post card is attached. On December 2, 2002 correspondence was received from the Office, mailed November 22, 2002, copy attached, indicating that the above identified patent application is projected to be first examined in 0 to 3 months.

Applicant respectfully requests that the above-identified application be revived to active status on the grounds of unintentional delay to reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 03/19/2001, which was not received by our office.

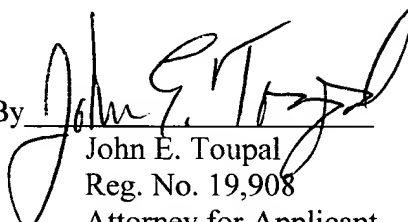
As applicant has not failed to respond to any received Patent Office communication, applicant believes that no fee is due with this Petition. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge Deposit Account No. 20-1375 for any fees that may be due with this Petition.

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Applicant respectfully requests that this application be revived to active status.

Respectfully submitted,

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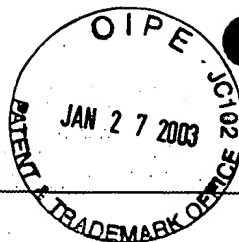
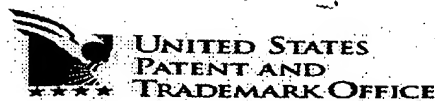
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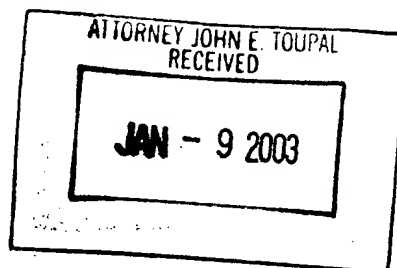
  
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### NOTICE OF ABANDONMENT UNDER 37 CFR 1.53 (f) OR (g)

The above-identified application is abandoned for failure to timely or properly reply to the Notice to File Missing Parts (Notice) mailed on 03/19/2001.

- No reply was received.

A petition to the Commissioner under 37 CFR 1.137 may be filed requesting that the application be revived.

Under 37 CFR 1.137(a), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNAVOIDABLE DELAY** must be filed promptly after the applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) an adequate showing of the cause of unavoidable delay; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(l); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

Under 37 CFR 1.137(b), a petition requesting the application be revived on the grounds of **UNINTENTIONAL DELAY** must be filed promptly after applicant becomes aware of the abandonment and such petition must be accompanied by: (1) a statement that the entire delay was unintentional; (2) the required reply to the above-identified Notice; (3) the petition fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(m); and (4) a terminal disclaimer if required by 37 CFR 1.137(d).

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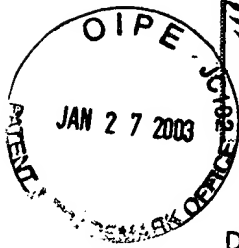
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Sir:

Please acknowledge the accompanying STATUS INQUIRY  
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for GASKET FOR ACID WASTE COUPLINGS, inventor:  
Tarara, D.1482, being mailed via first class mail  
this 12th day of November 2002, by placing your  
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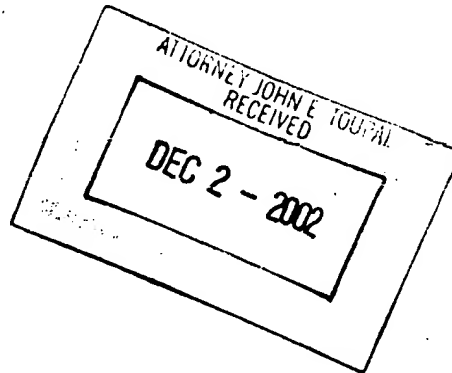


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To: Applicant of Serial Number 09784426

We project that this application will be first examined in 0 to 3 months from today.

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